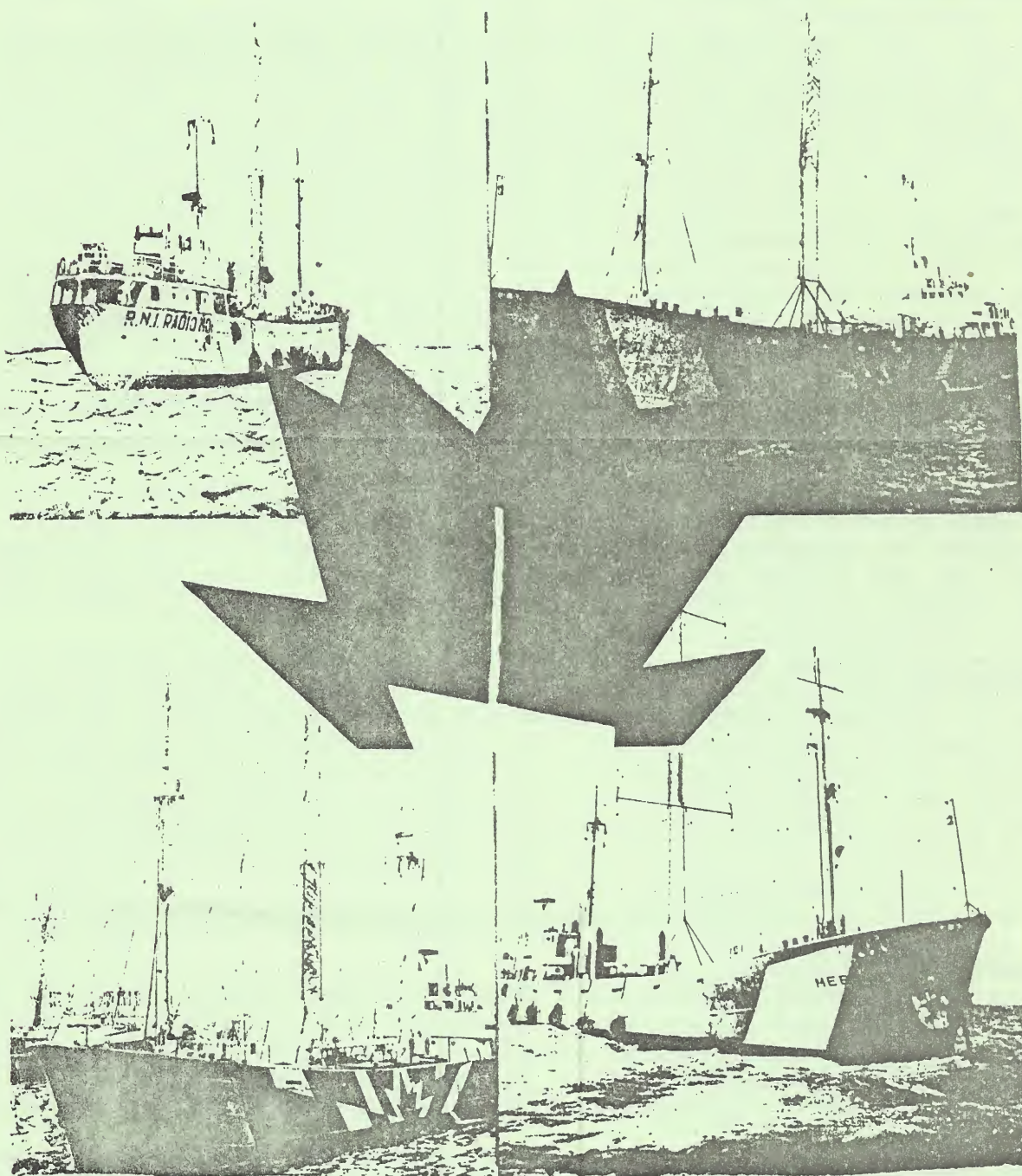


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'FOCUS NEWSREEL'

Mebo 2 back on the air! Transmissions from the Mebo II somewhere in the Mediterranean(believed to be around Libya) have commenced on the following channels;Medium wave-773(388.1m),Short Wave-6205(48.35m) & FM-90Mhz(Ch.10).The short wave transmitter is audible in Britain. At the time of going to press,tests are being aired consisting of non-stop pop music and Man Of Action(RNI's old theme tune) on the top of the hour & at the half hour.At the top of each hour the following announcement in English is made;"This is a transmitter test on..... (the wavelengths are then read out)..It will continue until one this morning." The tests end at 23.00,but Libyan time is 2hours ahead of GMT.The tests start at approx' 16.30.Also heard occasionally is the tune,"South American Getaway" which RNI used alot in 1971.A couple of RNI jingles have also been heard.The dj doing the test announcement sounds like Robin(Adcroft)Banks!The first time these tests were reported & the Ed' heard them was on Wednesday 4/5/77,although we are not sure if they started on that date.Reception on 48mts is best between 19.00 & 22.00hrs after which reception deteriorates.Maybe the 10kW 31mb transmitter on-board the Mebo will be reactivated soon??!

Any further developments we will put in a 'stop press' & let's hope that when regular programmes start we will have an International Service on short wave.FRF also suggest that 6210kHz be used instead of 6205kHz which is prone to splatter from the BBC on 6195 & from Albania on 6200 with 240kW.Or maybe the second SW transmitter onboard could be linked to the present one giving 20kWs!(The Caroline theme by the 'Fortunes' is also played occasionally!!)

Greek Station.According to a report in a Greek newspaper,'I Avyl' in their 3/3/77 edition they say that Greek businessmen are to establish an offshore radio & TV station anchored in the International waters of the Aegean Sea.The headquarters of the station are said to be in London but an office is to be opened in Athens to deal with news & advertisements.

Television.Several items of a Free Radio nature have appeared on British tv recently!On 15/4 on BBC TVs 'Tonight' current affairs programme a 20minute documentary film was shown on the Voice Of Peace,dj's were shown at work as well as Abie Nathan & views of the ship which is anchored at the Eastern end of the Mediterranean..On 17/4 on London Weekend TVs 'London Programme',Clive Thomas of Metropolitan R. was shown giving his view on why London should have community radio. Metropolitan R. is a station in one of London's hospitals operated by the old Radio Kaleidoscope(a London LB station)team.Clive used to be on RK regularly..On 24/4 on London Weekend TVs 'London Weekend Show' the whole programme(35minutes)was devoted to Radio Caroline including a history of Caroline with lot's of old film from the 60's,as well as a recent interview with Ronan O'Rahilly & some recent shots of the Mi-Amigo,Janet Street Porter also interviewed the dj's from her boat anchored alongside the Mi-Amigo,through a megaphone.All in all,a very excellent TV programme.Congrats to LWT & the BBC for the bit on VOP! (NB;Metro R. can be contacted at;MHR,London Hospital,Whitechapel, London E.1.)

Radio Caroline.RC have been leaving the air at 18.00 for the past few weeks.They announce that it is for generator maintainance but we at FRF feel that it is because of the unlistenable signal in the evenings due to the fact that their 953kHz crystal is off channel.They are apparantly awaiting the arrival of a new on-channel 953kHz crystal.

Continued opposite!

Caroline...In a circular received from the 'Caroline Newsletter' regarding subscriptions it stated that they are aware of the interference on 319mts & say that it should soon be sorted out. More news on the French people prosecuted for supplying the Mi-Amigo; (See p.2 of FRF12), following five people being arrested & fined a total of 13,500Francs, French police arrested a young lady called Oonagh Huggard who was believed to be a co-ordinator for RC, organising tenders etc...She was later released, but a court-case is pending. In the 8/3 edition of the newspaper "La Voix du Nord" they commented; "The whole operation was an excellent thing for our country because it was a market for our exports, & God only knows how we need it! Perhaps this was not very legal, but are International transactions legal anyway?" The Caroline Newsletter now have a new address to send your money to only, it is; PO Box 35, Crawley, West Sussex, RH7 EH, England. For items for the mag' the old address (A321 Rosas, Gerona, Spain) should be used. The reason for this address is that the GPO informed Caroline that it's illegal to send British postal orders abroad & so the GPO will take all PO's out of letters sent to the box no. & send the money over to Spain by GIRO. No.2 of the mag' will be out soon & will cost 50p (although it will be larger than no.1) or 5 IRC's. IRC's should be sent to the address in Spain. On 12/4 Caroline dj's said that RAF planes had been flying low over the Mi-Amigo narrowly missing the mast. HomO prosecuted. In FRF12 we stated that Dave Caine & Freddie Archer are the people who are behind the plan to prosecute the HomO, apparently, the brains behind this project is Albert Hood & all donations should be sent to him (address; 6, Mill Cottages, Barkway, nr. Royston, Berks.) Sorry about that but we & ABC England were only quoting what Dave Caine & Freddie Archer told us!

Short Wave Landbased News.R.Channel 292 from West Germany were raided at 09.58 on 27/2. The operators fortunately escaped & say that Ch.292 will continue... R.Valentine say that they intend to return with a daily S.W. service to N.W. Europe on a legal basis, possibly through the facilities of R.Andorra... Skyport R. who have recently returned with transmissions on 48mts. are also now testing on 11170kHz & 9950 to the Far East & Australasia with directional antennae. Power is 200w. Usually these aren't audible in the UK although local listeners might pick up ground wave... (Wonderful) R.Lucky Star (WRIS) has been on the air since late '76 on 1570kHz with 70w. The format consists of oldies from the 50's & early 60's. They have two dj's; Micky Weaver & a sweet blonde lady, Liane. WRIS broadcast from midnight on Saturday mornings into the early hours. They have a huge selection of rock'n' roll records as well as R&B, surf, blues, soul, tamla etc.. & will be pleased to play your requests & dedications. WRIS also have a new QSL out (see p.12). All reports & letters should be sent to; 13, The Chase, Crawley, Sx. (As can be seen in the logbook, WRIS tested on 6280kHz on 3/4.)... FORP Station news. New member Bristol Music Radio mentioned in FRF12 have now changed their name to 'TOWER R.' & their wavelength to 236m. They broadcast to the Bristol area. New members to FORP; R.Dynamite, 6240kHz. Their QSL card can be seen in FRF10. They were on the air on 24/4 & 8/5. Two new member stations from Ireland; Downtown R. (Dublin) on 227m & 100MHz (FM) & R.City (Dublin) no more details yet on this station. Other stations who are FORP members; R.Zodiac Int', R.Lucky Star, R.Nemesis Int', Northern Music R., & Capitol R. (Dublin). All use our address which is; 13, The Chase, Crawley, Sx. Eng'. Member station KOL Europe has now closed down.

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FREE RADIO WAVES no.4 is out now for 15p+sae (or 2 IRC's) from; Flagstones, West Heath Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1TA, England. It contains detailed info' on all landbased stations (MW/SW&FM) heard recently.

PLEASE MENTION FRF WHEN REPLYING TO ANY ADS IN THIS MAGAZINE. THANKS!
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN OUR POLL. LAST CHANCE! SEE PAGE 13.....

4 "LANDBASED LONDON" PART 1

"A History Of London's Landbased Pirates"

By 'Ed.'

It all started with the closure of Radio Caroline in the spring of 1968. Some months later a Radio Free London situated in London, and operating on low power, could be heard test transmitting on the medium wave at about 255 metres. This station was run by people previously well known in offshore radio. Shortly after this, other stations began to appear, such as Radio's Helen & Telstar. These would transmit at odd times on weekday evenings and use various wavelengths (255m & 197m being popular). As these stations expanded & improved the operators decided to form a network, "Helen Broadcasting Net," or H.B.N. as it became known, with stations such as Helen North & Helen South (later Helen International), Telstar and another new station which started early in 1969, Radio Jackie, (formed from smaller stations like Red Rose.) The HBN broadcast on Sundays on 197m, with each station having a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour segment. However, due to various inadequacies the Net' was short lived and the stations all went their separate ways, Jackie changed wavelength to 227m. The other stations closed down one by one.

During 1970 numerous other stations started up including for the first time test transmissions on 88MHz VHF from Radio Invicta, an all soul music station. During a typical listening weekend Radio's Pandorra, Free South, Constellation or Stardust, & perhaps Free Caroline could be heard along with Jackie & Free London.

By the beginning of 1971 a new station, Radio Star on 227m on Saturdays was test broadcasting. Also plans for a new VHF station, Radio Aquarius were going ahead (94.4 MHz Friday nights). At this time Jackie was also considering an additional VHF service and tests were made. Eventually the organisers of Jackie & Aquarius got together to form a network called the London Transmitter of Independent Radio (L.T.I.R.) whose purpose was to lend out VHF transmitting gear to various stations interested in VHF broadcasting. During 1971 Radio Aquarius could be heard with light music on Friday nights from 10pm to 1am and Radio Jackie broadcast on Saturday nights with specialist programming from 8pm to 1am on 94.4MHz through the facilities of the LTIR. Towards the end of 1971 Jackie & Aquarius were joined by a new station, Radio London Underground which specialised in progressive music and would broadcast on Sunday evenings, 10pm to 12midnight. This station became very popular, it's popularity being attributed to their professional programmes.

Also Radio Invicta were now broadcasting on 92.4MHz establishing a regular service on weekday evenings between 11.30pm & 12.30am.

Towards the end of 1971 & at the beginning of '72, the number of smaller stations operating in London increased with the formation of such stations as Jennifer, Thames (also Tower or Marina), Tracy, Samantha, Carol etc.. However, operators like Constellation, Free South & Free London had since disappeared some months previously. Some of the larger better known stations were heard for the first time like, Radio Concord & Radio Odyssey both in North London & both very popular. In West London another station started, Radio Nelson, which suffered a spectacular ending in the way of a massive Post Office raid which was headline news at the time.Continued Opposite.....

Another 'Pirate'

~~NEW LAND-BASED pirate radio station, Radio Free Media, is to start broadcasting in the Buckinghamshire area this Sunday. Station, broadcasting on 193 metres with a 60 watt output, will be on the air from 11 a.m. mid-night on Sunday, and then nightly from 8 p.m. mid-night.~~

~~Radio Free London, the station already twice closed by the GPO, continues to broadcast sporadically on 203 metres from secret London hideouts.~~

~~Meanwhile, there has been no further news on the supposed arrival of two major ship-based stations in the North Sea, expected to commence transmissions on Sunday.~~

A cutting from
'Disc & Music
Echo', 1968.

RADIO ODYSSEY

Here is a typical weeks listening schedule for Summer '72;



VHF
Radio Invicta. 92.4MHz. Mon-Fri. 11.30pm-12.30am.
Radio Aquarius. 94.4MHz. Fri. nights.10pm-1am.(LTIR)
Radio Jackie. 94.4MHz. Sat. nights. 7pm-1am.(LTIR)
Radio London Underground.94.4MHz.Sunday nights.10pm-12pm.(LTIR)

Medium Wave.

Saturdays;Radio Star 227m.11am-4pm;Radio Carol & Samantha sometimes after 2pm on 240m. approx'.

Sundays;Radio Jackie 227m.10am-6pm.Radio Jennifer 260m.3pm-5pm.Radio Concord 230m.12am-4pm.Radio Odyssey. 235m.11am-3pm.Radio Nelson 201m.9am-1pm.Radio Carol & Radio Samantha sometimes after 2pm on 240m approx'.Radio Tracey sometimes on 222m.(Mornings).
Thames Radio(also Tower or Marina).266m.4pm-6pm.

On Short Wave at this time Skyport Radio,(so called because of it's proximity to London's Heathrow Airport) was transmitting to Europe on the 41mb changing to 48metres in early 1973.At the end of 1972,Radio Gemini also started transmissions on short wave from around London.

Back to Summer '72 and medium wave,as well as those listed above there were lots of small very sporadic stations on the air,e.g.SBN,(Southern Broadcasting Net'),Radio Vallery etc..Unfortunately after several months of good broadcasts Radio Nelson closed down but West London was soon to hear a new sound,Radio Anonymous on 223m every Sunday from 10.30am to 3.30pm.However,most of the aforementioned stations did not last long into 1973,including one station which was doomed before it even started,a West London station called Radio Phoenix.

Christmas '72 saw the close of Radio London Underground and Radio Odyssey who were now experiencing difficulties with their medium wave station & decided to join the LTIR,these programmes could be heard on Sunday evenings.Radio Star the regular Saturday broadcaster had already become interested in the LTIR and by the end of 1972 they also had programmes going out,this time on Thursday evenings,10pm-12pm.

Radio Invicta had by now switched their weekday service(evenings)to Sunday afternoons from 2pm onwards,this was because of a staff shortage.The people who previously ran Radio Anonymous formed another station,Radio City,but this was only a Bank Holiday broadcaster.

An outline of the
Radio Invicta
studio.



Next month...Part 2..Concord,Jackie,Kaleidoscope...among others!.....

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Middlesbrough,Cleveland,England.....

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN OUR POPULARITY POLL.....VERY LAST CHANCE.....

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LOGBOOK. 6

Key; E=English/England. D=Dutch/Holland. G=German/West Germany. P=Pop. A=Album tracks. S=Soul music. T=Traditional music. WL=Where logged. Fo=Format. DX=DX/FR news. L=Letters. Te=Test. F=France. O=Oldies. Qso=Contact with other stations(no prog')

Station**	Date	***Freq***	Time, GMT	S:I:N:F:O:	***Fo*****	WL**
1) R. Micky Mouse	20/3	1328	00.20	4;4;4;4;4;4;	D/P	E...
2) R. Jackie(London)	20/3	1331	08.32	4;5;4;4;4;4;	E/P	E...
3) R. Partisan	20/3	6254	09.00	3;4;3;3;3;3;	G,E/A	E...
4) R. Gemini	20/3	6234	10.01	3;3;3;3;3;3;	E/O	E...
5) North Kent R.	20/3	1185	10.20	2;4;3;3;2;	E/P	E...
6) R. Gloria(Leic'ter)	20/3	1187	10.45	4;5;4;5;4;	E/P	E...
7) R. North Sea Int'	20/3	6225	11.00	2;3;3;2;2;	E/P	G...
8) European Music R.	20/3	6275	11.02	3;4;3;2;2-3;	E/P	G...
9) London Music R.	20/3	1358	12.25	3;4;3;3;3;	E/P	E...
10) R. Hawaii	20/3	1328	23.13	3;4;3;3;3;	G/P	G...
11) R. Aga Khan	22/3	1620	07.13	3;2;3;2;2;	D/Qso	G...
12) R. Acapulco	22/3	1620	16.15	3;3;2;2;2;	D/Qso	G...
13) Z. Ali Baba	22/3	1327	23.20	2;4;2;2;2;	D	E...
14) R. Johnnie Walker	23/3	1336	23.50	4;4;4;4;4;	D,E/P,T	E...
15) R. Atlantis	25/3	1331	00.01	2;3;3;3;2;	D,E	E...
16) R. Micky Mouse	26/3	1335	00.37	4;4;4;4;4;	D/T	E...
17) R. Jackie(London)	27/3	1331	08.18	4;5;4;5;4;	E/P	E...
18) London Music R.	27/3	1358	09.00	3;3;3;4;3;	E/P	E...
19) R. Acapulco	27/3	1620	09.50	2;3;3;3;2-3;	D/Qso	G...
+20) Freaks R.	27/3	6225	10.10	4;2;3;3;2-3;	E	G...
21) R. Valleri	27/3	6260	10.19	2;2;2;2;2;	E/P	E...
22) North Kent R.	27/3	1187	12.00	2-3;4;3;4;2-3;	E/P,O	E...
23) R. Verona	27/3	6320	12.05	3;3;3;3;3;	D,E/P,T	G...
24) R. England	28/3	1324	00.15	3;5;3;2;3;	E/O	E...
25) R. Columbia	29/3	1660	16.44	4;4;3;3;3;	D/Qso	G...
26) Jakob de Jonker	29/3	1650	16.55	4;3;2;2;2;	D/Qso	G...
27) Jakob de Jonker	30/3	1650	07.15	4;3;3;3;3;	D/Qso	G...
28) R. Zorro	2/4	1323	00.15	3;4;4;3;3;	D/P	E...
29) R. Johnnie Walker	2/4	1336	00.45	4;4;4;4;4;	E/P	E...
30) Z. Marianna	2/4	1322	23.15	4;4;3;3;3;	D/Qso	E...
31) R. Jackie(London)	3/4	1331	08.40	4;5;4;5;4;	E/P	E...
32) R. Northsea Int'	3/4	6255	09.10	3;4;4;4;3;	E/P	G...
33) R. Valleri	3/4	6202	09.14	3;5;4;4;3;	E/P	E...
34) R. Partisan	3/4	6250	09.21	3;4;4;4;3;	E/A	E...
35) London Music R.	3/4	1358	09.24	2;4;4;4;3;	E/PA	E...
36) R. Gloria(Leic'ter)	3/4	1187	09.30	5;5;4;5;4-5;	E/P	E...
37) ABC England	3/4	6270	10.02	4;3;4;3;3;	E/A	G...
38) R. Sunshine(GB)	3/4	6235	10.04	4;4;4;4;4;	E/P,A	G...
39) North Kent R.	3/4	1185	11.02	2;4;3;4;2;	E/P	E...
40) R. Sunshine(GB)	3/4	6265	11.05	3;2;4;2;2;	E/P,A	G...
41) R. Verona	3/4	6235	11.29	4;4;4;4;4;	D,E/T	E...
42) R. Casablanca	3/4	6206	11.41	4;4;4;3;4;	D/P	E...
43) R. Casablanca	3/4	6240	12.45	2;3;3;3;2-3;	D,E/P,T	E...
44) R. Luckey Star	3/4	6280	13.49	3;3;3;2;3;	E/A	E...
45) R. Johnnie Walker	3/4	1330	23.52	4;4;4;4;4;	E,D/P	E...
46) R. Blackbird	5/4	1333	23.50	3;3;4;3;3;	E,G/O	E...
47) R. Blackbird	5/4	1313	23.52	3;4;4;3;3;	E,D/T	E...
48) R. Micky Mouse	5/4	1330	23.57	4;4;4;4;4;	D/T	E...
49) R. Zorro	6/4	1336	01.00	3;4;4;4;3;	D,E/A	E...
50) Delta R. (London)	8/4	1259	11.00	2;4;4;4;2;	E/P	E...
51) R. Micky Mouse	9/4	1328	23.47	4;4;4;4;4;	D/T	E...
52) R. Black Arrow	9/4	1333	23.50	4;3;4;4;3;	E/T	E...
53) De Kleine Vogel	10/4	1322	00.50	3;4;4;3;3;	D/Qso	G...
54) Santana R.	10/4	1331	01.00	3;4;3;3;3;	D/Qso	G...

Continued Opposite.

 + = On air for 10mins only!

55) R. Jackie (London) .. 10/4 .. 1331 .. 08.27 .. 4;5;4;5;4; .. E/P .. E...
 56) R. Valleri .. 10/4 .. 6202 .. 09.33 .. 2;4;4;3;2; .. E/O .. E...
 57) London Music R. 10/4 .. 1358 .. 09.40 .. 3;4;4;3;3; .. E/P .. E...
 58) ABC England .. 10/4 .. 6200 .. 10.04 .. 2;3;3;1;1-2; .. E/DX .. G...
 59) R. Maniac .. 10/4 .. 6210 .. 10.15 .. 3;4;4;3;3; .. E/P,A .. G...
 60) RNI (LB) .. 10/4 .. 6250 .. 10.18 .. 3;3;3;3;3; .. E/P .. E...
 61) R. Verona .. 10/4 .. 6236 .. 11.05 .. 4;3;3;3;3; .. E/O .. E...
 62) R. 239 (London) .. 10/4 .. 1259 .. 11.26 .. 4;4;4;4;4; .. E/O .. E...
 63) R. Zodiac Int' .. 10/4 .. 6235 .. 11.58 .. 4;4;4;3;3-4; .. E/A .. G...
 64) North Kent R. 10/4 .. 1188 .. 12.13 .. 2;4;3;4;2; .. E/P .. E...
 65) Caramaba Z. 10/4 .. 1660 .. 16.50 .. 3;4;3;4;3; .. D/Qso .. G...
 66) R. Gloria (Lei'ter) .. 11/4 .. 1187 .. 10.30 .. 5;5;4;4;4+; .. E/P,O .. E...
 67) R. ~~Alamo~~ Int' .. 11/4 .. 6205 .. 11.13 .. 3;3;3;3;3; .. E/P .. G...
 68) North Kent R. 11/4 .. 1187 .. 11.55 .. 3;4;4;4;3; .. E/P .. E...
 69) R. 235 (London) .. 11/4 .. 1280 .. 13.59 .. 3;4;4;4;3; .. E/O .. E...
 70) R. Black Shadow .. 15/4 .. 1205 .. 23.57 .. 3;3;3;4;3; .. E,D/T .. E...
 71) R. Gloria (Lei'ter) .. 17/4 .. 1187 .. 09.30 .. 3;5;3;4;3; .. E/P,O .. E...
 72) R. Valleri .. 17/4 .. 6200 .. 09.40 .. -Poor---; .. E/P .. G...
 73) R. Northsea Int' LB .. 17/4 .. 6255 .. 09.42 .. -Poor---; .. E/P .. G...
 74) R. Benelux .. 17/4 .. 6265 .. 10.00 .. 3;4;3;3;3; .. E,D/A .. E...
 75) R. Sunshine .. 17/4 .. 6235 .. 10.25 .. 2;3;4;3;3; .. E/P .. I...
 76) R. Atlantis .. 17/4 .. 1358 .. 11.15 .. 5;4;5;4;4-5; .. E/A .. E...
 77) East London R. 17/4 .. 1493 .. 11.50 .. 5;5;5;5;5; .. E/P,A .. E...
 78) R. Jackie (London) .. 17/4 .. 1331 .. 12.05 .. 3;5;3;4;3; .. E/P .. E...
 79) London Music R. 17/4 .. 1358 .. 12.07 .. 4;5;4;4;4; .. E/P,A .. E...
 80) R. Jackie (London) .. 24/4 .. 1331 .. 08.57 .. 2;2;3;3;2; .. E/P .. E...
 81) R. Valleri .. 24/4 .. 6202 .. 09.35 .. 4;4;4;4;4; .. E/P .. E...
 82) R. Dynamite .. 24/4 .. 6240 .. 09.35 .. 4;3;3;3;3; .. E/A .. G...
 83) R. Gloria (Lei'ter) .. 24/4 .. 1187 .. 09.40 .. 3;5;3;4;3; .. E/P .. E...
 84) Skyport R. 24/4 .. 6250 .. 10.00 .. 3;4;3;4;3; .. E/A .. E...
 85) R. Diana .. 24/4 .. 6280 .. 10.15 .. 4;3;4;4;4; .. E,G/P .. E...
 86) R. Maniac .. 24/4 .. 6210 .. 10.25 .. 5;4;5;4;4+; .. E/A .. E...
 87) Kent North R. 24/4 .. 1190 .. 11.10 .. 2;4;4;4;4; .. E/A .. E...
 88) R. Jackie (London) .. 1/5 .. 1331 .. 08.45 .. 4;5;4;4;4; .. E/P .. E...
 89) London Music R. 1/5 .. 1358 .. 10.00 .. 3;4;4;4;3; .. E/P .. E...
 90) R. 239 (London) .. 1/5 .. 1259 .. 10.02 .. 2;3;3;4;2; .. E/O .. E...
 91) R. Valleri .. 1/5 .. 6202 .. 10.23 .. 2;3;3;2;2; .. E/O .. E...
 92) Kent N.R. 1/5 .. 1187 .. 10.51 .. 2;3;3;4;2; .. E/P .. E...
 93) Skyport R. 1/5 .. 6250 .. 11.06 .. 2;4;3;3;2; .. E/A .. E...
 94) ABC England .. 1/5 .. 6270 .. 11.10 .. 3;4;3;3;3; .. E/DX .. E...
 95) R. Verona Int' .. 1/5 .. 6225 .. 11.43 .. 4;4;3;3;3; .. E,D/P .. E...

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 ford, London E4, UK.; *****
 UNIDENTIFIED; 13a) 27/3/77, 6320kHz, 10.50-11.05GMT. Pop, Dutch announce-
 ments. Bad mod', not R. Verona

RADIO PIRATES KNOCKED OFF THE WAVES IN SWOOP

RADIO GLORIA, the pirate radio station operating on 259 metres medium waveband, was raided yesterday morning by the Post Office — in a field.

Four men surrounded the pirates' broadcasting base in a Leicestershire field, and the disc jockey — operating alone — took to his heels.

He picked up some of the station's equipment when he ran off, but had to throw it away when chased.

The pirates — currently a group of 10 — do not know yet whether any of their belongings were taken, but were unperturbed.

"We have replacement equipment for everything, and we will be back on the air at 10 a.m. on Easter Monday," said a spokesman.

Yesterday's programme had been scheduled to last seven hours, but the interruption came before Gloria had been on the air for an hour.

"We expected the raid," said a representative. "Obviously they will keep trying until they get someone."

A spokesman for the Post Office Radio Interference Department said he could not comment on the raid. The Press Office at the Home Office, said they were still awaiting reports from the department.

Radio Gloria is continuing to broadcast to the city & county of Leicester every Sunday despite troubles from the P.O.

On Sunday 20th March transmissions commenced on 1187kHz, 252.7m m.w., the old Caroline frequency. Transmitter power ranged from 15watts output to 50 watts output. Up until the 20th March transmissions had been on 1322kHz on Saturday evenings. Since moving to 1187kHz we have received reports from as far south as Cambridge & as far north as Sheffield. The 1187kHz crystal was obtained from our freinds at ABC England.

Now onto the more recent news from RG. On Sunday 3rd April while broadcasting from 5 miles north west of Leicester the P.O. were spotted & DJ Alec Newman made an escape with all the equipment but unfortunately the P.O. had surrounded the area, so the gear was thrown into some bushes & Alec escaped. On return to the site we found that the P.O. had discovered the equipment. The only thing left was a heavy duty lorry battery which had been kicked over by the P.O. Obviously a typical P.O. trick! All of the distilled water & acid had ran out but fortunately we have other large batteries. Gloria had lost it's first lot of equipment to the P.O. Transmissions on that day only lasted 50 minutes from 10am-10.50am. The next transmission was the following weekend, Easter Monday. Gloria did not broadcast on Easter Sunday as some of the members of the staff were in London helping R. Jackie. Transmissions on Easter Monday started at 11am, the site was situated on the banks of the River Sogor about 1 mile north of the city centre, consequently the signal was very good as we were using the river as an earth. All

went well until 13.50 when the lookouts spotted the men from the Leicester Radio Services Dep't., Ronald Parry & Bob Peace, only about 1/4 mile from the transmitter. Transmissions came to an abrupt end & Leon Mitchell made off with the gear. That wasn't all though, the Police had been called & Leon suddenly realised he was surrounded. Dropping the gear he left the scene in a cloud of dust leaving the transmitter behind. Parry & Peace had yet another Gloria rig, but as yet they still hadn't caught anybody. The only things salvaged from the site were the crystal, cassette machine & tapes. The cassette machine had only been bought from R. Jackie the day before. This though, wasn't the end of the day's excitement. Leon Mitchell & Alec Newman went back to the site & Ron Parry waved to Leon, Leon returning the compliment! Alec found the private car of the P.O., a Hillman Hunter estate and in the back was the RG transmitter. Leon attempted to open the door, but it was locked.

The following Sunday, 17th April transmissions commenced at 10am as usual, but this week the RG crew were ready for Mr. Parry & freinds. The lookouts had all been supplied with walkie talkies & took up positions around the site. At 10.55, Ron was spotted coming down the side of the canal. The alarm was given & Barry, Brian & Dave who were standing by the rig made a run for it, they got away with everything. They then made their way to the second location & broadcasts recommenced at 12.00.

Continued Opposite...

Some backnumber copies of FRF12 are still available for 15p+sae or 3 IRC's from; 13, The Chase, Crawley, Sx. Eng. Hurry! Only a few left!!

...By this time, Leon Mitchell, Alec Newman & Glen Peters, together with April who is one of the lookouts, were at the first location collecting the aerial wire, batteries & earth rods. So we had finally got one over on Mr. Parry & the P.O. Transmissions continued until closedown at 15.30 but not without incident. A policeman arrived on the scene at 15.00 wanting to know what we were doing, he left after 15 minutes satisfied that we were not breaking the law!

The first raid was mentioned in the local evening paper (see opposite!) & also on BBC R. Leicester. The second raid was mentioned only on R. Leicester. There was no mention of the third raid in either the local paper or local radio station. So, as you can see, the P.O. are really trying to get rid of Gloria but we intend to stay. The reaction to RG from the people of Leicester is very good. We give out a phone number during the broadcast & receive about 15 calls an hour. RG has recently written to the Home Office in London demanding the equipment back that was lost in the first two raids. We did this following advice from R. Jackie. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike Knight & all the other members of RJ for the help & advice given to us. Finally, RG no longer uses the, 'Kent Place...' address. All LTIR (Leicester) stations now use; LTIR, 91, Scalpay Close, Leicester. RG now have car stickers, if you would like one send us an sae and we will send you one.

Radio Gloria; Every Sunday, 10.00-15.00 BST on 1187 kHz, 259m.

Phone no's; Leic' 865136 on air, Sundays only.

Leic' 706023 off air no. for enquiries.

We'll play on, pledge city radio 'pirates'

THE disc jockeys of Leicester's pirate radio station are hoping to keep one jump ahead of the Post Office by going "on the run."

So says "Alec Newman", clandestine broadcaster of Radio Gloria, currently beaming pop music across the city on Saturday nights.

Mr. Newman—not his real name—said last night: "Come what may we shall be on the air tonight and every Saturday."

Radio Gloria, alias LTIR — Leicester Transmitter of Independent Radio — broadcasts on 227 metres, usually dominated by Radio Moscow. But when Moscow shuts down at 11 p.m. Radio Gloria takes over.

"We used to be known as Radio Free Midlands, broadcasting

throughout the Midlands, but we have now decided to concentrate our efforts in Leicester, broadcasting from the city for the city," said Alec.

Hand-built

A former nightclub disc jockey aged around 30, Alec works in the loft of a house in a city suburb

More than £200 worth of recording equipment has been hand-built and brought together with expertise and care in an unsophisticated but highly effective studio which took six weeks to construct.

Too small to enable anyone to stand upright, the studio was hidden behind a false wall and lined with sound-deadening polystyrene wall and ceiling tiles.

Alec and three other disc jockeys take it in turns to record just over two hours of music, mainly album tracks, cutting in their expertly made jingles, and timing everything to the split second.

Veil of secrecy

"When we make a tape it is a live show as far as we are concerned," said DJ "Leon Mitchell", and to anyone listening to the highly-polished and professional finished product no one would detect any dullness or lack of spontaneity.

Their elaborate veil of secrecy is vital, for penalties, if detected, are severe.

Transmission is a clandestine operation from an open field in darkness.

The transmitter itself is a lightweight home-made construc-

tion with a top-quality crystal that enables them to broadcast on the 227 metres wavelength with no fear of drifting.

Different field

Into that they plug their tape, sling a 185-foot copper wire between two trees and knock three copper rods into the ground... and away they go.

Radio Gloria has been on the air now for three weeks.

"We use a different field every week. It could be at Lutterworth, it could be at Birstall, it could be at Wigston, or anywhere, but we will keep on the move to give Leicester an independent radio station for young people to listen to the music they want," say the organisers.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

FRF14 will be out at the end of June & will be a special edition with the POLL RESULTS! Therefore there will be no logbook, although it will be resumed in FRF15. Meanwhile, deadline for contributions to QSL, Focus newsreel, CB Guide, etc... in FRF14; Tuesday 21/6/77.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN OUR POLL!
LAST CHANCE! SEE P.13.....

A Cutting from
the 'Leicester
Mercury' of
19/2/77.

New Stations R. Europe Int' (another one!) from West Germany made their first transmission on 6240kHz on 8/5 and were heard in England with a good signal. The dj during the whole of the programme was Gino Parker. The address for reports is; 3a Beilchrienstrasse, 4432 Gronau, West Germany. 3 IRC's are requested if you want your reception report verified with their QSL card... Tower R. (another one!!) were heard for the first time also on 8/5 on 6250kHz. Reception in England was poor-fair. Heard on the station was the founder of ABC England, Roger St. John who has since left. Their address is; c/o Roger St. John, P.O. Box 48, 6224 Afsmannshusbn, West Germany... Radio Rastafari Int' is a new station from Holland on 103.6MHz FM and soon on short wave with 7watts. FM power is 30watts. They have two addresses; PO Box 278, Zutphen, Nl or 134, Eastworth Rd., Chertsey, Surrey, England. For reception reports no return postage need be enclosed,..... for all other correspondence it is required. Their format is reggae music & talks on their religion, "Rasta.".... In the Hampshire & Isle of Wight area a new station, Radio Vectis Int' was logged recently on 222m with a 1hr test broadcast.

ABC England. On 3/4 ABC reverted to the summertime schedule of 10-12.00 GMT on 6270. On Easter Sunday (10/4) ABC made a special holiday broadcast on 6200 between 10. & 12.00. Reception in Norway & Finland was good but reports from other parts of Europe are required for a valuable evaluation of the test. For ABC's 6/2 transmission a report was received from Pennsylvania, USA with the following SIO rating; 2.2.2! Their current schedule is; 10 Michael Ellis or Gary Day.. 10.30 DX Bulletin (inc' FR news).. 10.45a "Remember those oldies".. 11.30 DX Bulletin (repeat).. 11.45a Relief dj until s/off at 12.00.

VHF-FM. A Radio Adfer (pronounced 'Ad-vare') run by the Adfer organisation broadcast for 1hr from the roof of the BBC building in Bangor,

***** Wales on 26/2. 12 people were arrested & held for 6 hours. The broadcast was a protest about the lack of a Welsh radio service in the area. Adfer intend to set up several local FM stations in North & West Wales.

London News. A new station was heard on 3/4 & 10/4 on 214m with tests called R. Veronica broadcasting to South London. DJ's heard were; Mark Richards, Chris Anderson, Chris Lewis, Martin Cole & Roger Hirst. Reg-transmissions are planned to commence in May.

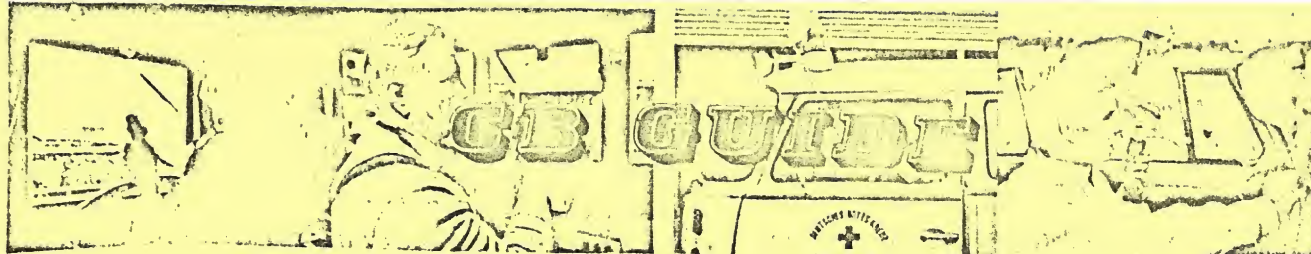
Radio Elaine from South East London was heard back on the air on 199m with 15w from 11-13.00. Transmissions on Saturdays from 23.00 on 186m are expected to start soon. R.239 is a new station formed from the old Swinging R. England. They've been heard regularly recently on Sunday on 1259. Their address; 134, Eastworth Rd., Chertsey, Surrey, Eng. R. Veronica were on again on 24/4 but went off at 10.10 following some transmitter trouble. Richard Norris reports hearing the following stations over Easter; Good Friday (8/4) On 215m (1394) someone playing R. Jackie tapes (later found to be the SRE/Atlantis ops.) At midday Delta R. on 239 (1259), plus usual QSOs on 1331. Easter Sunday (10/4) R. Jackie on 227 (1331) from 08.00-20.00, LMR on 222 (1358) from 09-15.00 including a Mike Knight soul show! R.239 (1259kHz) starting at 11.00 with dj's Rob Marshall (ex Linda Anne dj), Gary Knight, Alan Reeve (ex SRE/Carole) & Mike Barrington (ex SRE/Atlantis). On VHF, R. Invicta on 92.8MHz from 11.00-15.00 & 20.00-00.00, prog. included interview with the 'Moments' & on-air phone calls at 21.30 taken by Roger Knight.



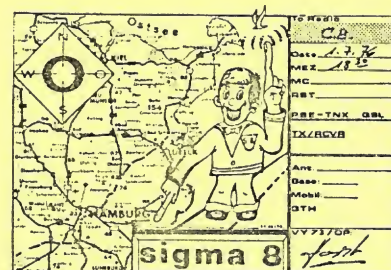
Off to the Med to spin discs

OFF TO the Mediterranean to work as a disc jockey is Littlehampton-born Graham Ledger, of Highdown Drive. He will take up duty on an offshore radio station and join several other British DJs in presenting programmes of popular English and American music. Graham is well known locally through his appearances with the Littlehampton Players, Operatic Society, Littlehampton Musical Comedy Society and the Durrington Theatrical Society. He went professional two years ago and has worked with Michael Bentine.

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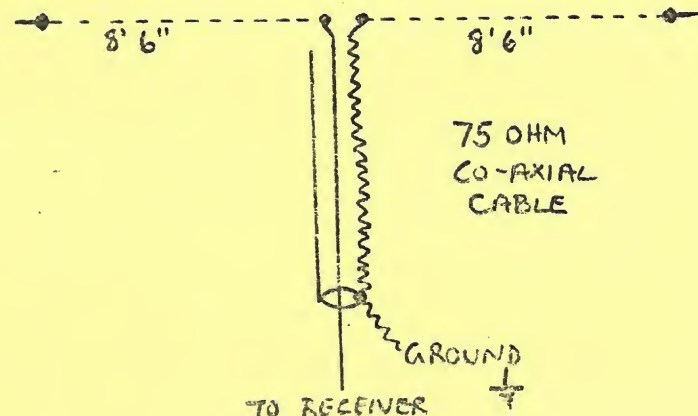
Hello & welcome to yet another experimental column in FRF, this is devoted to the Citizen's Band phenomenon which hit the UK a year back with C.W. McCall's record 'Convoy'. CB though is in no way new, it has existed in the United States since the 1950's although it didn't start becoming popular until the oil shortage in 1973 when speed restrictions were imposed on highways by the US government to conserve oil. Many truckers (truck drivers) discovered that by using CB radio they could warn each other of police (smokeys) operating speed traps. CB is not only restricted to the States though, many European countries including West Germany also have CB, (GB LAST AGAIN!) Most countries who have legalised CB use the 27MHz band (11mts.) This would pose problems in the UK though, not only because of interference (as long distance reception is possible on 27MHz) but also with the radio control modellers who have been allocated this band for their radio controlled models. Instead a VHF band is proposed, possibly on the band presently used for the 405 line definition television service which is to be terminated at the earliest in 1980. Those who are impatient though suggest that one of the VHF amateur bands (either 4metres or 70centimetres) which are seldom used, be allocated to CB. Of the two major CB organisations in the UK, the Citizens Band Association (CBA) which appears to be the more active want a VHF Citizens Band, ideally with 40 channels, 25kHz apart. Their address is; 16, Church Rd., St. Marks, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL51 7AN. For more details write to them enclosing an sae. The other organisation is the UK CB Campaign (UKCBC) & more details can be obtained from; 245 Stourbridge Rd., Halesowen B63 3QU, by sending an sae. Great interest has been shown in the UK and there is a lot of activity on 27megs from UK CB operators (illegally I might add!) The HomO are aware of this activity as a couple were raided recently, one of the UK CB stations QSL card is shown at the bottom of this page. A couple of QSL cards from European CB stations are also illustrated on this page. If you'd like to listen to these stations, an aerial designed for this band is also illustrated here.



This has been a brief description of CB radio, unfortunately your editor is no CB expert (!) & so we would very much like help from you, ideally, someone knowledgeable on this subject might like to compile CB guide. Anyway, let's have your comments on CB GUIDE. Also any CB listeners might like to send us their logs to print.

TEN-TEN! (=Message completed!!)

A suitable aerial for 27MHz (11mts.)



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ANTENNA. _____
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WX. _____ TEMP. _____
73s - 51n & GOOD DX. OP: _____



Unidentifieds, cont'd from p.7... 12

13b) 9/4/77, 6539kHz, 13.05-13.07GMT, light music, woman's voice said Ende. SINFO=44444.; 13c) 10/4, 1528kHz, 11.54-12.07GMT. Ads for PLP posters, interspersed with Capital R. jingles. SINFO=43433. Under mod'. Also heard 11/4, 11.34GMT with same prog.; 13d) 24/4, 6235-6250kHz, Eagles records, R. London jingles. Identified. 12c in FRF12 was Skyport Radio.

Q.S.L.

Station.	Contents.	Days for reply.	Rating.
R. Atlantis.	Sh.	107	*
R. Blackbird.	QSL, I.	16	***
Caroline Int'.	QSL.	29	**
Casablanca R.	Sh, L, I.	21	*
Channel 292.	QSL, L.	31	** $\frac{1}{2}$
E.M.R.	QSL	19	*** $\frac{1}{2}$
Freaks R.	QSL, L.	35	**
Free Midlands.	L.	30	-
Gemini.	QSL, L, S, I.	9	****
Hawaii.	QSL, S, L, I.	7-30	****
R. Iris Int'.	QSL, L, I.	21	***
R. Jackie.	L, I.	21	-
Jacky Killer.	PC, L.	15	***
Johnnie Walker.	QSL, L, I.	42-50	***
Maniac.	PC, L, I.	14	-
Mr. Monroe R.	QSL, S.	21	**
RNI(LB)	Sh, I.	47	*
O. Centrale Ap'.	PC, L.	28	**
Partisan R.	L, I.	25	-
Peter Wyngarde.	C, L.	15	*
R. Rock Int'.	QSL, L.	51	**
R. Smokey.	QSL, C, L.	34	***
Sunshine Int'.	Sh, L.	18	**
Time R.	QSL, L, S, I.	30	*****
Tom Cat R.	I, L, S, QSL.	10	****

Key; QSL=Proper QSL card. Sh=Photocopied QSL Sheet. C=Card (publicity card rather than QSL.) I=Info' sheet or pre-printed reply. L=Letter (personal reply.) PC=Postcard.

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Bonuses! European Music Radio (EMR) will on request record studio tracks on tapes or cassettes sent to them. (As well as the EMR Audio Letter!) They also send a photo of the Mi-Amigo.

Time Radio record studio tracks on tapes or cassettes sent to them (on request.)

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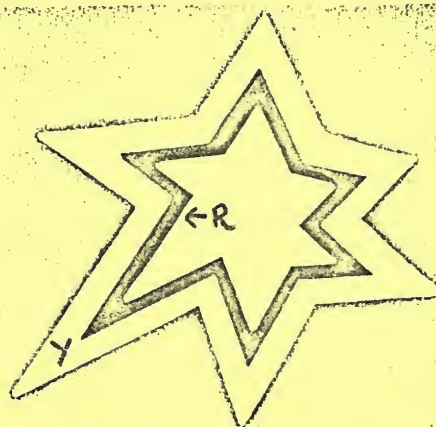
QSL CARD OF THE MONTH. (Wonderful) R. LUCKY STAR!

R →

QSL

TO F.R.F.
DATE -
TIME -
THANK YOU FOR A CORRECT REPORT!

WRLS ★ 1570 ← G



B

This card is a colour one, (hence the poor reproduction.)
Colour key.

B=Blue.
R=Red.
Y=Yellow.
G=Green.

RADIO LUCKY STAR

↑ R

POPULARITY POLL. (Last chance to vote!) Send your votes for the following three sections (3 stations per section in order of merit please!)
 a) Best Programmes; b) Best QSL Card; c) Best Station.. We'd also like you to tell us what station you think qualifies for the title worst station. Final deadline for votes; 31/5/77. (This poll is in conjunction with FRW mag' so if you've also sent votes to FRW don't vote again!!)

London News (cont'd from P.10) .. After Invicta went off at 15.00, Sun R. came on playing mainly pop. DJ's were Alan Ford, Tony Randell & Mike Burnett. Address; 62, Westgate Rd., S. Norwood, S.E.25. At 7pm when Sun closed down, Telstar S. came on with a very strong signal. they were on for 1hr. Address; 148, George Lane, Lewisham S.E.13. Tel. (01)462 2222 & (01)462 2223. On Easter Monday (11/4) R.235 were heard from midday onwards on 1277. They are in fact the old Concord crew..... More news in FRF 14.....
Caroline Monster stickers, 23" plastic self adhesive, now available for 20p each. Blank PO or a cheque plus a foolscap see to; BCM-BRFM, London, WC1V 6XX. England..... Radio Brief; No.9 out now, invaluable for Mi-Amigo news + news on IBA/BBC stations. 23p inc' post; 8, Skardu Rd, London NW2 3ER.

FOCUS FEEDBACK

Steve Joen's ideas in FRF13 certainly sparked off alot of response, most of which I'll try & cram into this small space, so let's go!.....
 .."First of all it would be a great idea for all FR stations to join a network, but would it really work? I can still remember the Free Broadcasting Union (FBU) that was formed in London with nearly all London stations joining & right from the word go it was a disaster, subsequent organisations have failed to produce on the air what was put down on paper, apart from LTIR (London). Steve then goes on to say that his suggestions would give listeners an impression of expertise & professionalism. I don't think people who listen to Jackie, LMR, Invicta, ABC England are missing out on quality. I can't see any London station joining an organ', it might be a good idea for smaller SW stations. As for the pirate image, I don't think any stations use that aspect in their prog's anymore. All in all Steve's ideas are good but as ideas only, if he'd come out with these a few years back he'd have support from all over the place, but today I'm afraid we must look at things realistically & see the enthusiasm of days gone by a little thin on the ground, due mainly of course to PO activity, don't get me wrong, I'd love to see a net' but, 'Dreams are nothing more than wishes.' Long live FR, Richard Norris, London." .. (I don't think Steve was thinking along the lines of a network, more like co-operation, Ed.) .. Next please! ... "Steve's ideas are basically good, the main drawback is who would conform to the regulations of such an organ', usually those who wouldn't break them anyway. Stations who create interference have little regard for rules or organs' set up to enforce them. Regards a new band (7.6-7.9) Skyport R. has just started tx's in 25&31 mb's & we hope this may generate interest among other stations to experiment on other bands than 48mts & realise the tremendous scope for low power tx'ing SW offers. Finally 50watts is adequate for 48m, any excess of this will probably cause interference & almost certainly increase the chance of being raided due to the increased ground wave radiated. I'll gladly answer any technical questions regarding this or any other aspect of SW broadcasting. 73's de Mark King op. Skyport R." ...
 .."I'm in general agreement with comments in FRF12's feedback, but I'm not sure we could make the system stick & work. Gary Day. ABC England." ..
 .."I think all FR stations should join organs' such as FORP, this'd show the authorities we want to provide a public service & are not just evading the R.Ham's exam. QSOs shouldn't be allowed to join. Stations in the same area should join forces & share common facilities (studios, lookouts etc...). Andy Allen, R. Nemesis Int'." ... Onto other pastures now! ... "I wouldn't bother with the QSL section, I'd like to see technical articles in FRF. Les Ward, Notts." ... "Now Caroline is on 24hrs on 319 I'd like a SW service with a DX prog', Stuart Dobson. Staffs." .. (It'd be nice, but let's get more power on 319! Ed) If you have anything to comment on any of the above or anything to do with FR send your views to FF now!

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 EMR New address! c/o Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Notts., England!!